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Title: **METHOD, COMPOSITION, AND KIT TO DESIGN, EVALUATE, AND/OR TEST COMPOUNDS THAT MODULATE REGULATORY FACTOR BINDING TO NUCLEIC ACIDS**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

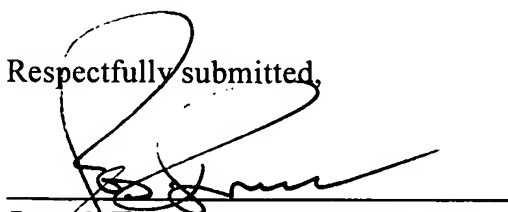
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To the Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2006, for two months from December 20, 2006, to February 20, 2007. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

A PTO-2038 is enclosed authorizing payment of the \$225 petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

Respectfully submitted,


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